

unstable gel column members that achieve cushioning, for the amount of \$500,000. The commercial success arises from licensing of the technology that Applicant has claimed in this patent application. The commercial success that has accrued to Applicant is not a result of product sales; rather it arises from a technology sale that is covered by the claims of the patent application.

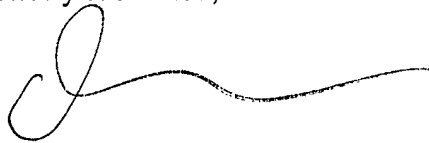
Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, and in summary, Applicant believes that all issues and points of the Examiner's Office Action have been addressed in a sincere effort to advance prosecution of this Application. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims.

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